

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-18 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 3-13 and 15-18 are allowed, and that claim 14 contains allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claim 14. Claim 14 is cancelled.

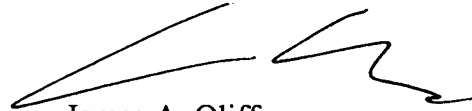
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the only rejected claims, claims 1 and 2, are now allowable, in view of the incorporation of the allowable subject matter of claim 14 into claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 and 15-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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